

CENTRAL
United Church of Christ
GROW FAITH • SHARE LOVE • REACH OUT



December 9, 2018
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:00 a.m.

The Mission of
Central United Church of Christ is...
to be a Christ-centered community
of faithful disciples,
who are called
to GROW IN FAITH, and
to SHARE GOD'S LOVE
as we REACH OUT
to each other,
to our community
and to our world.

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “O How Shall I Receive Thee” #100

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

The voice cries out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord!”

Make God’s paths straight.

Every valley will be filled, and every mountain will be leveled.

The crooked will be made straight.

The rough and rocky ways will be smoothed.

All will see the salvation of God.

See the light from on high. The dawn is breaking.

The Lord is coming! The Lord is coming!

***CHORAL INTROIT** “Festive Procession” - Christiansen

***GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)**

Praise the Lord! Blessed are God’s people to whom God sends a Savior, the Messiah, who is Christ the Lord. Praise be to You, O God, and blessed are your gifts, that grace us with forgiveness. Lord, you have come to dwell within us. Build your temple within our hearts. Amen.

***PRAISE HYMN** “O Thou Joyful” #117

***PASSING THE PEACE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE GLORIA PATRI (sung in unison)**
Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Advent Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (2nd verse) #88

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:1-6

Luke 1:68-79

CHORAL RESPONSE

CHOIR ANTHEM "People Look East" arr. Malcolm Archer

People, look East, the time is near
of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth, and set the table.

People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad, the earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,

that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon, together.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Star is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast
Him who cometh from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

***THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
One holy and universal Christian Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.
Amen. (Adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*, 1662)

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Good News From Heaven the Angels Bring" - Pachelbel

*THE DOXOLOGY (sung in unison)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***DEDICATION PRAYER (in unison)**

**Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us
to be your friends,
and to know your will in the world.
Therefore, we pray in Jesus' name
that these tithes and offerings
spread your love near and far. Amen.**

AND GO FORTH IN LOVE

***CLOSING HYMN** "Behold A Branch Is Growing" #113

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE** "Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying" - Nicholai

Our WORSHIP is ended...our SERVICE now begins.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

December 9 – 16

TODAY:	2 nd Sunday of Advent	
	Adult Sunday School	8:30AM
	Coffee Hour	9:00AM
	Worship	10:00AM
	Children's Sunday School	10:15AM
	Elenor Circle Christmas Lunch	11:00AM
MON:	Scouts	7:00PM
TUES:	Prime Time Club	11:30AM
	Search and Call Committee	6:30PM
WED:	Quilting	9:00AM
	CUCC Family Time (Perkins)	9:00AM
	Young Youth After School Activities	3:45PM
	Bell Choir	6:15PM
	Senior Choir	7:00PM
THURS:	Salvation Army Meal	5:00PM
	Christmas Lights Tour	5:30PM
SAT:	Young Youth Happy Birthday "Jesus" Party	12:30PM
	Christmas Pageant	1:30PM
	Christmas Caroling	2:00PM
NEXT SUNDAY:	3 rd Sunday of Advent	
	Adult Sunday School	8:30AM
	Coffee Hour	9:00AM
	Worship	10:00AM
	Children's Sunday School	10:15AM
	Handbell Solo Christmas Concert	2:00PM

Attendance Last Sunday: 80

Altar flowers are in memory of Paul and Irma Bagnull from Bob, Rene, and Laura Miserez.

Bulletins are in loving memory of our uncle/great-uncle, Carl E. Burkel from Mary, Roy, and Mark Sundermeyer and Sara Landreth.

Please pray for our members, family and friends: Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Kathryn Waite, Audrey Hoelscher Bruemmer, Jacquie Howser, Tonya Berhorst, Beckett Michael Karr (parents Geoff and Lauren Karr), Jimmy Fairchild

Pastoral Care – Rev. Stoneburner has agreed to fill-in for emergency pastoral care. If you have a need for pastoral care, please call the church office at 635-1041, and they will be in contact with Rev. Stoneburner.

Our thanks and appreciation to Rev. Dr. Judith Scott for leading us in worship this morning and delivering the sermon message.

90+ Birthdays:

(To our knowledge, there are no 90+ birthdays in December.)

Prime Time Club will have their Christmas gathering on Tuesday, **December 11** at Primrose Retirement Community. Please meet at Primrose around 11:30AM. We'll sing Christmas carols, and enjoy sandwiches and delicious cream of potato soup. Cost for lunch is \$5. Afterwards, we will deliver carnations to our shut-ins. Please come and enjoy the beauty of the season with us.

Christmas Lights Tour is full: Please pay Susan Poettgen before December 13 so we have the money to pay the trolley. Cost is \$13 per person. The trolley leaves at 5:30 p.m. – meet on the small parking lot by the gym doors. Join the Mission and

Outreach Ministry for cookies and hot chocolate in the library after the tour.

"Happy Birthday, Jesus" Party, Saturday, Dec. 15, 12:30PM

It's a very special birthday party! There will be games and activities, cake and ice cream, and cookie decorating. No gifts are necessary... He wants our presence, not our presents. Bring a friend and come join us.

Christmas Pageant, Saturday, December 15, 1:30pm:

Congregation members, friends, and family are all invited to join us for our no-rehearsal Christmas Pageant at the end of our Happy Birthday, Jesus Party. Following the pageant, please join us for cake and ice cream as we sing Happy Birthday to Jesus!

All-Church Christmas Caroling, Saturday, December 15,

2:00pm: O come all ye faithful. Christmas caroling is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. We'll be heading out for an afternoon of melodies. If you know someone homebound who would appreciate a visit, please contact the church office.

2018 Annual Reports: If you are responsible for submitting information about your group's 2018 activities for the Annual Report, please do so **by January 1, 2019**. Rene Miserez will be gathering and compiling the information for this year's report, so please **email everything to: bellsic@aol.com**. In the subject line reference "Church -- 2018 Annual Report."

Young Youth for kids ages K-5th grades get together on Wednesdays after school for food and fun, faith and fellowship. Supervision begins at 3:45 (or whenever your school gets out) and we end at 6:00. Come join us!

Incoming mail for groups within Central UCC – Mail addressed to various groups, committees, etc. at Central Church will be placed on shelves in the library across from the office until we can acquire a more permanent type of mail sorter.

It's time to sign-up for monthly 2019 Salvation Army Meals. All months are open except January and May. If you would like to volunteer, contact Mission and Outreach Ministry chair, Susan Poettgen, at 573-298-4515 or susan.poettgen@gmail.com.

Volunteers are needed to prepare Communion for 2019. Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month as well as the Ash Wednesday Service and Easter Services. We're needing volunteers to help prepare the elements and clean-up afterwards. Please contact Worship Ministry chair, Mary Ann Wippermann, at 636-3685 or mlwipper@embarqmail.com.

2019 Bulletin Openings: The Sundays shown below are available for 2019. Cost is \$15 per Sunday. If interested, please contact the office at office@centralucc.com or 635-1041.

4th Sunday in May (5/27)

5th Sunday in June (6/30)



Central's Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will take place on Monday, December 24 at 6:00pm. (Please note new start time.)

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this beautiful service as together we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Christmas Eve Memorial and Honorarium Listing: If you would like to contribute to a Central UCC fund of your choice and participate in the Memorial and Honorarium Listing, please complete the form included in the bulletin and turn it in to the office by **Monday, December 17**. Payment for the fund should accompany the form (make checks payable to Central UCC). The listing will be available for you to pick up at the Christmas Eve Service. Please be sure to PRINT the wording you would like on the listing. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS EVE MEMORIAL/HONORARIUM FORM

Please complete the information below and **return the form with payment to the church office by Monday, December 17.**

NAME/PHONE:

Make your selection and write in the amount:

\$_____ <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund	\$_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Organ Fund
\$_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Fund	\$_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Music/Choir
\$_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Improvement	\$_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Bell Choir Fund

TOTAL DONATION: \$_____

Please PRINT the wording you would like on the listing:

Christmas begins with Christ

Handbell Solo Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 16
2:00 p.m.

Scripture and music woven together to reflect on Jesus' birth



Dancers' Alley

&



SOUTHSIDE
PHILHARMONIC
ORCHESTRA

present

The Nutcracker

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018 1:00 P.M. & 6:00 P.M.

Miller Performing Arts Center

501 Madison St. Jefferson City, Missouri

For ticket information, call:

573-635-6610

www.DancersAlley.com

www.SouthsidePhilharmonic.org

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us in worship today. Your presence and participation are an important part of shaping this experience of worship for all of us. Know that whoever you are and wherever you are in your journey of life and of faith, you are welcome here!

If you are a guest here today, we would love for you to become a regular part of what God is doing in and through this church community. If you have any questions about joining us in ministry, please contact the Pastor.

Large Print Bulletins: Large print editions of the worship bulletin are available in the Narthex and by the elevator.

Friendship Register: Please sign the Friendship Register (the blue book at the end of the pew) when it is passed around so that we have a record of your visit.

Ministers	Every Member
Director of Music	Dr. Patrick Clark
Young Youth Director/Bell Choir Director	Rene Miserez
Organist.....	Shirley Klein



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